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**GITZIT** 

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the following with regard to the above-referenced application:

- An original and two copies of a Notice of Opposition; and
- A check in the amount of \$300.00.

So that we may have a timely record of this filing, please date-stamp the enclosed stamped, self-addressed postcard and deposit it in the U.S. mail.

Please direct any questions regarding the enclosed to my attention.

Sincerely,

Peter K. Hahn

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**TRADEMARK** 1 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 2 3 BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD 4 5 In re: 6 Applicant's Mark: **GITZIT** 7 Serial No.: 78/703,563 Filed: August 30, 2005 8 9 Published: In the Official Gazette on May 16, 2006 10 Opposition No. 11 J.L. Pennington, 12 NOTICE OF OPPOSITION 13 Opposer, 14 VS. GITZIT, Inc., 15 Applicant. 16 17 18 19 Opposer: J.L. Pennington An individual and a citizen of the United States Citizenship: 20 8620 South Eastern Avenue Address: 21 Las Vegas, Nevada 89123 09/19/2006 KEIBBONS 00000011 78703563 01 FC:6402 300.00 OP 23 24 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 25 I hereby certify that the original of this document and the enclosures referred to therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on June 28, 2000, and addressed to The Commissioner for 26 Trademarks, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1451 27 Dated: September 12, 2006 28 EV 601118563 US "Express Mail Mailing Label.:

J.L. Pennington (hereinafter referred to as "Opposer") believes that he will be damaged by the registration of the mark shown in Serial No. 78/703,563 (the "Application"), and hereby opposes same.

- J.L. Pennington is an individual whose address is 8620 South Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123. The grounds for the opposition are as follows:
- 1. Upon information and belief, GITZIT, Inc. ("Applicant") is a Washington corporation, having a place of business at P.O. Box 3039, 667 Red Rock Road, St. George, Utah 84771.
- 2. Opposer and his predecessor in interest have continuously used the mark GITZIT on fishing lures since at least as early as 1980.
- 3. Upon information and belief, Applicant made no use of GITZIT ("the Applicant's Mark") prior to use of the mark GITZIT by Opposer and his predecessors in interest.
- 4. Notwithstanding Opposer's prior rights in and to the mark GITZIT, Applicant is seeking to register GITZIT as its trademark for fishing lures.
- 5. The use and registration by Applicant of the mark GITZIT is without Opposer's consent and is likely to cause confusion in the minds of consumers as to the source, affiliation, endorsement and/or association between Applicant, Opposer and their respective goods.
- 6. Upon information and belief, neither Applicant nor any predecessor of Applicant made any actual use in commerce or constructive use of the mark GITZIT on the goods listed in the Application, which would be sufficient for Applicant to establish trademark rights superior to those of Opposer.
- 7. In the alternative, upon information and belief, Applicant has abandoned the mark GITZIT, is making no actual or constructive use of the Applicant's Mark, has not made any bona fide use of the Applicant's Mark, and/or has no bona fide intent to use the mark in the future.
- 8. Registration of the mark GITZIT would provide Applicant with prima facie exclusive rights therein and would interfere with Opposer's rights in the mark.

9. Opposer has the right to continue using the mark GITZIT in connection with its goods without interference by Applicant and without a likelihood of confusion, mistake or deception. WHEREFORE, Opposer believes that it will be damaged by the registration of GITZIT to Applicant and prays that the registration be denied. The filing fee of \$300.00 is submitted concurrently herewith. Dated September 12, 2006 Respectfully submitted, ByPETER K. HAHN Attorney for Opposer Registration No. 34,833 LUCE, FORWARD, HAMILTON & SCRIPPS 600 West Broadway, Suite 2600 San Diego, California 92101 Telephone: (619) 699-2585 3742645.1